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Mayor & Council President Celebrate Street Improvements

SAN DIEGO – Earlier today, Mayor Jerry Sanders and Council President Scott Peters marked the completion of a major road resurfacing project in La Jolla.

An 8,900-foot stretch of Torrey Pines Road between La Jolla Village Drive and Ardath Lane received an asphalt overlay, extending the life of the road by 15-20 years. Asphalt overlay is the placement of a new layer of asphalt between one and three inches thick on the roads in greatest need of repair, and is sturdier and longer-lasting than a "slurry seal" application.

Council President Peters thanked the City's Street Division for making the heavily-used road a priority. "Torrey Pines Road is an important link for thousands of families and commuters in La Jolla and University City, all of whom will benefit from a smoother, safer road." Peters continued, "My thanks to Deputy Chief Rich Haas, General Services Director Mario Sierra and their team for responding to the needs of our community."

In Council District One, more than 13 miles of street will receive an application of slurry seal, a ¼-inch thick coat of sand, emulsion and rubberized tires. Slurry seal extends the service life of a road by approximately five years.

The City Council allocated \$12,998,222 to street resurfacing in fiscal year 2007, allowing more than 100 miles of road to be improved this year. Between 2004-2006, the City resurfaced less than 25 miles per year.